PROCLAMATION

City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. 23-0946
A Proclamation Recognizing Councilman Chris Herndon's Service to the City of Denver

WHEREAS, in January 2011, West Point Graduate and Iraq Veteran Chris Herndon wanted to find a way to continue his public service and ran for the open seat in Council District 11, winning that race and two subsequent elections in Council District 8; and

WHEREAS, in his 12 years on Council, Chris held numerous leadership positions, chairing committees as well as serving four years combined as Council President and President Pro Tem, to which he was elected by two different councils; and

WHEREAS, Chris was proud to make a difference in all the neighborhoods he represented, including increasing housing stock in East Colfax and Montbello, adding park space in Park Hill and finding an adaptive reuse for the long-empty former air traffic control tower in Central Park; and

WHEREAS, Chris also made an impact citywide as the Council sponsor to make Juneteenth an official holiday, to help launch Denver's college affordability program and to modernize Denver's animal laws; and

WHEREAS, Chris also researched, developed and brought before council a more efficient process for the body to use in conducting its work and better serve the people of Denver; and

WHEREAS, if you asked him, Chris would probably say his fondest memories on Council were hosting his annual Northeast Denver Leadership Week each summer, taking high school students to different parts of the city to learn about careers.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That the Council of the City and County of Denver acknowledge and extend its gratitude to Councilman Chris Herndon for his dedication to the residents of Denver.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to Councilman Herndon.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL July 10, 2023

_____ PRESIDENT